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BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS PRATT.

Hard Game at Brooklyn.

Last Saturday evening the 'varsity basketball team met Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, on their opponent's home floor. The game was hotly contested from beginning to end. The Trinity five showed great improvement in team work and in the shooting of baskets as compared with their work in the Columbia game the week before. The Brooklyn quintet outplayed the 'varsity during the last few minutes of the first half, rolling up sixteen points to Trinity's eight. In the second half, however, the aggregation from Hartford scored nine points and held the Pratt five down to ten points. The lead their opponents had taken in the first half was too great for the 'varsity to overcome. The total score was twenty-six to seventeen in favor of the Brooklyn team. There were two factors which prevented the Trinity five from making a better showing. In the first place they were under a great disadvantage in playing on Pratt's home floor, and, secondly, the umpire was much stricter than is usual in intercollegiate games and called at least twenty fouls on the 'varsity. Pratt succeeded in shooting eight of these. Of the seven fouls called on Trinity's opponents, H. W. Cook shot five. The Pratt quintet had a little the better of the 'varsity on passing the ball. The line-up was:

Trinity.		Pratt.
J. Carroll	rg	Stengle
Gildersleeve	lg	Porter
Ramsdell		
Abbey	c	Clyde
Capen	rf	Tuttle(c)
H. W. Cook (c)	lf	Smith

S. D. C. INITIATION BANQUET.

Last Friday Night at Chase's.

The annual initiation banquet of the Sophomore Dining Club, which took place in the rathskellar of Chase's Chop House last Friday evening, was one of the most successful the club has ever had. The toasts were responded to in a most entertaining and enthusiastic manner, and too much credit cannot be given Toastmaster S. P. Haight '11 for the arrangement of the program.

The menu was as follows:

Oysters	Oyster Cocktails	Celery
	Cream of Celery	
	Boiled Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce	
	Potatoes a l'Anglaise	
	Roast Larded Tenderloin,	
	Mushroom Sauce	
	Hashed Brown Potatoes	Green Peas
	Roquefort Cheese	Toasted Crackers
	Coffee	

The list of toasts and names of those present were published in the last issue of the Tripod.

COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor of The Tripod:

With the many activities at Trinity, including the musical clubs, the athletic associations, and the various other student organizations the absence of any particular organization for intellectual interest among the undergraduates has impressed me greatly. Besides this lack of voluntary search for intellectual uplift, the omission of lectures to the undergraduate body also strikes me as something to be deplored, and especially when it is said that it is due to the indifference of the students. Now with the other student organizations on a firm footing and started towards a prosperous season why not fill this gap in college life with the foundation of a club for intellectual study? Here the lack of college lectures could be filled in with lectures to the members of such an organization by the esteemed members of our Faculty, who would not refuse their aid in this matter. The programs for the year which I would suggest should be something after the following: The President—a talk on a general topic; the Professor of Natural History on "Darwinism;" the Professor of Literature—"The New Phase of Literature in Europe—The Modern Decadent School;" the Professor of Philosophy—"The Influence of Art on Morality;" the Professor of Physics—"The Latest Achievements in Wireless Telegraphy;" The Professor of Chemistry—"Radium;" The Professor of Economics—"Socialism;" The Professor of Political Science—"International Peace;" or "Woman Suffrage." I think the advantage of such a club would be very great and its influence would be felt throughout the college. A lecture delivered under unrestrained circumstances outside of the classroom would prove both enjoyable and profitable, and the undergraduates will be led into discussing the topics of the lectures. Such a club might also bring the faculty and undergraduates into closer relationship and would create the true college spirit in our beloved Alma Mater.

Undergraduate.

Editor Tripod:—

The writer communicated with you a few weeks ago in reference to your statement saying that this year's team was the first to have crossed the Army's goal line since the two teams have met. The Tripod is in error regarding this statement as Captain Edgerton's team in the fall of 1893 played West Point, the final score being 18-11. The writer having played in the game is sure of the facts. Trinity made the first touchdown and Captain Edgerton also kicked a goal from the field. The first half ended with the score 12-11 in the Army's favor. This was one of West Point's very strong teams.

The writer congratulates the team most heartily in having the services of such an able coach as Professor Gettell. The team in the writer's opinion is the best drilled team that he has ever seen represent the college and for their

NEW TRINITY MARCHING SONG.

Mr. Spink Composes Stirring Number.

A new Trinity football song has been written and composed for the college by George Spink, the popular song writer and actor whose clever act occupied a prominent position on the program at Poli's Theatre last week. Mr. Spink was entertained at college during the week and hearing of the need of the college for a good marching song he immediately offered to compose such a song. The result is a stirring march number, well-suited to men's voices and especially adapted to use on the football or baseball fields. The song is not yet completed but will soon be forwarded to the college and it is hoped that it will be used for one of the two-step numbers at the Junior Prom.

The composer, Mr. Spink, is one of the most widely known men in vaudeville. He is a prominent member of the Lambs' Club and is the author of a number of popular songs. A few years ago when the "coon" song was at the height of its popularity he composed "Bill Simmons," a dancing ditty which enjoyed remarkable popularity. Last season he appeared in Hartford as the feature of "The Country Club," an elaborate vaudeville act produced by Jesse Lasky. All of the music in this act was composed by Mr. Spink. In his present offering Mr. Spink is assisted by Miss Agnes Linn.

weight he believes them the best in the country.

Very truly yours,
M. H. Coggeshall '96.

Editor Tripod:—

The Christmas recess beginning in the middle of the week this year, many students who have been economical concerning cuts up to this time will find it convenient to leave Saturday, thus extending the vacation four days by the use of three days' cuts. That their abstinence may now have this reward, I would respectfully pray the several members of the faculty who are accustomed to giving a test shortly before the recess to give it (1) this week, or (2) after the return. I am sure this would mean no real inconvenience to the instructor, while it would be a genuine blessing to the student, who, possibly, is able to go home but once during the entire year.

One of Them.

The University of Wisconsin has abolished hazing. It was done by vote of the undergraduates in order to have a football man reinstated who was suspended by the faculty for hazing.

Undergraduates in the University of Minnesota whose professor kept them overtime brought an alarm clock and set it for the end of the hour. The professor discovered it, secretly turned on the silencer and blandly went on with the lecture.

TO PRODUCE "COLLEGE WIDOW."

Mr. Hunter Confident of Securing Ade's Masterpiece for Jesters.

The pronounced enthusiasm and co-operation which has marked the revival of "The Jesters" seems to forecast success for the play which the members plan to produce late in the spring under the direction of Mr. Robert Hunter of Ward & Hunter, to whose attention the revival of the dramatic organization is due.

At the meeting of those interested in the play which was held at Mr. Hunter's office last week it was decided that the selection of the play should be left in his experienced hands. The general opinion seemed to be that a modern college play would be the most fortunate choice. "The College Widow," by George Ade, "Just Out of College," by the same author and "The Boys of Company B," by Mrs. Rida Johnson Young were the three plays most popular. From these Mr. Hunter chose "The College Widow" as being the suitable for the uses of Trinity.

The dramatic rights to "The College Widow" are held by its producer, Henry W. Savage. Mr. Hunter is at present negotiating with the Savage offices for the production and he is confident of obtaining this success. As soon as some definite arrangements are concluded he will meet those who are interested in the production and will make his choices for the various parts.

The interest in the play has been widespread and by no means confined to a single class. Many of the upper-class men were present at the meeting in Mr. Hunter's office and it was gratifying to note the number of freshmen who were also in attendance. Those present included:

W. G. Oliver '10, J. Groves '10, A. B. Henshaw '10, L. A. Stansfield '10, N. H. Gildersleeve '10, R. H. Merrill '10, G. Capen '10, J. P. Webster '10, A. M. Smith '10, H. Marlor '10, B. F. Yates '11, S. P. Grint '11, P. H. Taylor '11, S. P. Haight '11, R. Burbank '11, J. O. Carroll '11, B. H. Barnett '12, W. A. Bird '12, E. F. Pettigrew '12, C. H. Whipple '12, A. E. Rankin '12, J. S. Craik '12, S. H. Evison '12, L. H. McClure '12, C. I. Penn '12, J. F. Reddick '12, C. Carpenter '12, Whitehead '13, Brown '13, Collett '13, Howell '13, Foot '13, Germain '13, Moberly '13, Swift '13, Williams '13, and a dozen or more others.

FIRST SENIOR ASSEMBLY.

The class of 1910 is considering the advisability of giving an informal dance some time in January. It would fill a gap between the vacation and the mid-year examinations, when there is generally little going on in a social way at the college.

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EDITORIAL.

The last gun has been fired in the half-million endowment campaign, and when the smoke clears away we are confident that the damage will be terrific. In plain American, thirteen hundred alumni have been sent individual appeals by Professor McCook to raise \$130,000 by January 1. It is felt that when Trinity appeals to her alumni it is not to deaf ears, and the new year's dawn should see the endowment complete.

We cannot praise too highly the efforts of Professor McCook, who has devoted his own time to the work of raising the endowment, while refusing the Trustees' offer of leave of absence from routine duties. The tremendous success of the movement is due almost solely to his organizing genius and personal labor, ably seconded by the generosity of several alumni.

It is during the first quarter that the poorest scholarship showing is made in nearly every institution. The difficulty of getting "back into the harness," the unfamiliarity of new work, the class organization, the football season, a score of other diversions—these account for it to a large degree. Then there is the psychological fact that we always prefer to play first and work afterwards, to postpone and to delay.

So there was no surprise a year ago when it was announced that twenty percent of the courses pursued by individuals in the college had been failed for the first quarter. We knew that most of them would be made up by mid-year's, and still more in June. Twenty percent was not bad—an average of one course for every man. But just the other day the report came forth that the percentage of failures for the first quarter this year was 11.7! Now if only the improvement during the

second quarter will keep up to the standard, we shall say adieu to very few on the first of February.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

Yale University is giving more power to the student council this year, and membership in this body has become a high honor.

Representatives of five New England colleges met December 4th at Boston to discuss the advisability of forming an Oratorical League. The colleges represented were Amherst, Bowdoin, Brown, Wesleyan and Williams.

The Amherst delegates suggested a constitution which was adopted with a few changes.

The purpose of the league is to promote oratory in the colleges by means of annual contests to be held at the various colleges. Each college in the league sends one delegate; the orations are to be original with the contestant, and the oration which shall be considered best, shall be awarded an official gold medal. In judging the orations, thought, composition and delivery are to be taken into consideration.

Trinity ought to belong to this league. There are certainly men enough in the college who have great abilities as orators, and there should be interest enough to put the thing in motion.

PRIZE ESSAY AWARDS.

Messrs. Hart, Schaffner and Marx of Chicago, Ill., have sent out the following notice concerning the award of prizes offered for essays on Economics and Social topics by these gentlemen:

The Committee to whom was assigned the decision upon the merits of the papers contesting for the prizes offered by Messrs. Hart, Schaffner & Marx, of Chicago, for 1909, has unanimously agreed upon the following award:

CLASS A.

1. The First Prize of Six Hundred Dollars to Frank H. Streightoff, A. B., Wesleyan University, 1909; Instructor of Mathematics in Bellefonte Academy, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; for a paper entitled "The Standard of Living or Budgets of American Workingmen's Families." In this case, a paper in Class B, was considered superior to any of the papers in Class A.
2. The Second Prize of Four Hundred Dollars to Isaac Fisher, Principal of The Branch Normal College, Pine, Bluff, Arkansas; for a paper entitled "German and American Methods of Regulating Trusts."

CLASS B.

1. The First Prize of Three Hundred Dollars to Gilbert Lewis Campbell, B. S., Northwestern University, 1909; for a paper entitled "Industrial Accidents and Their Compensation."
2. The Second Prize of Two Hundred Dollars to Wilfred Eldred, A. B., Washington and Lee University, 1909; for a paper entitled "The Resumption of Specie Payment in 1879."

CLASS C.

No Prizes were awarded.

In deciding upon the relative merits of the papers, the committee is not responsible for the concrete opinions expressed by the contestants.

J. Laurence Laughlin,
J. B. Clark,
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 completing the first half million dollars
 of the General Endowment Fund of
 Trinity College. A large number of
 prominent alumni and friends of the
 college met at noon as guests of the
 Hon. William E. Curtis '75, late assist-
 ant secretary of the treasury, to discuss
 the matter thoroughly. The following
 committee was appointed to co-operate
 with Professor McCook, the represent-
 ative of the corporation in this move-
 ment, in the effort to raise before Jan-
 uary 1, 1910, the balance of \$118,000
 required to complete the fund:—
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 the board of tax commissioners of New
 York.

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 tects.

Ambrose S. Murray '71, of Trinity
 Church corporation,
 Colonel W. S. Cogswell '61.

W. F. Collins '93, editor of the
 "Newark, N. J., Evening News."

Benjamin Wistar Morris '93, architect
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Mr. Curtis the host of the occasion.

Ex-'35—The Hon. John Bigelow, the
 oldest living alumnus, though not a
 graduate of Trinity, celebrated his 92nd
 birthday recently. He was born at Mal-
 den, Saugerties, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1817.
 He marked the anniversary by the pub-
 lication of his "Retrospections of an
 Active Life," in which his important
 career is interestingly reviewed.

Mr. Bigelow was admitted to the bar
 in 1838, but soon deserted it for jour-
 nalism. He was a prominent political
 writer on the side of the Free Soil
 Democrats during the Van Buren cam-
 paign of 1848. After this he was in-
 vited to join William Cullen Bryant in
 The Evening Post, and continued to be
 one of its proprietors until the outbreak
 of the Civil War, when he was sent to
 Paris as consul general.

He remained in Paris six years, ris-
 ing to the position of minister, and was
 instrumental in preventing the purchase
 of French ironclads by the Confederate
 States. On his return to this country
 he was elected Secretary of State in
 New York, and in this position became
 intimately acquainted with Samuel J.
 Tilden whose biography he later wrote.

On the amalgamation of the Astor
 and Lenox Libraries with the Tilden
 foundation, Mr. Bigelow became presi-
 dent of the New York Public Library, a
 position which he still holds. For many
 years he has kept in retirement so
 far as public life is concerned, but has
 been a frequent contributor to many
 newspapers and magazines.

In the next issue of the TRIPOD there
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 the list in this issue, but unforeseen delay
 made it impossible.

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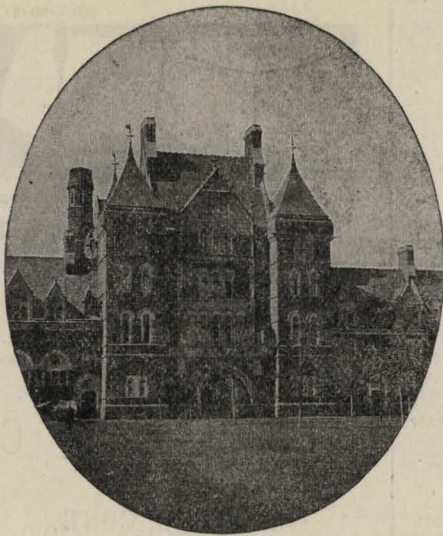
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